



Miss Therie Smith
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Vermont.



Don't you think
I'm a little too Bradford, Vt.,
just? Repetitions, Feb. 16, 1908.
I mean.

Dear Therie,

I know I ought to have
written before, but won't make
excuses. I thank you so
much for my Valentine postal
and for Edith's too. She thought
it was very cute, and mine
was just as pretty as it could
be. I was so busy with my
school work that I didn't
send any Valentines this
year, but I received four
very pretty postals. To-day is
just lovely weather. The sun
shines warm and bright, and
it seems just like Spring. It
is very different from yesterday,
when it moderated so fast

putte his hand to the plow, must not
turn back," and thats the way I felt.
So in some way I managed to get
to a safe place where the elements, as
it were, would not carry me away.
I got down to Mrs. Coles, after a
fashion, and stayed from one o'clock
to six, and I got home actually
without drowning or even wetting
my feet. Perhaps you won't care to
have me tell my adventures. Today
I went to Church and Sunday school
We have one thing a little different
from your Sunday school, and that
is a Birthday offering. A glass
Case is made use off, in which to de

that it began to rain, and poured all day so that the large amount of snow we had melted completely away. I work for Mrs. Cole Saturday afternoons, that is, I take care of the children, and yesterday, despite the wet underfoot I started off as usual. I managed to paddle along quite well for awhile, but I came to a place, where I could not see any place of solid ground on which to set my feet. In front was a raging torrent which seemed as large as a river. At the left of me was glare ice and water, at the right, deep water everywhere and back of me was home. I remembered that verse in the Bible where it says "Whoever

-posit as many pennies as we are
years old, when our birthday has
been, during the week, mine is
yet, quite a ways off, but when
it does come I shall dread to
have eighteen pennies counted as
they drop into the box. I am
enjoying school, and I wish
you could be. In English we are
studying Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans".
It is a story which happened during
the French and Indian Wars. I like
it pretty well, but it is rather too
warlike to just suit me, after all.
Have you ever read any of Cooper's
books? He wrote "The Deerslayer", "The
Pioneer", and several others which are
also included in the set of "Leatherstocking
Tales". I hope you and your folks
are all well. Edith's stomach is out
of order just now, but except for that
we are all well. Write when you
can. With love from
Jimmie Collins.